Export of frog legs

2616. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow export of frog legs on a limited scale; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to prevent illegal export of frog legs under the name of frozen fish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) The ban on export of frog legs is still in force.

(b) No instance of illegal export of frog legs under the name of frozen fish has been brought to the notice of Government.

Clearance of Pulichintala Project

2617. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pulichintala Project in Andhra Pradesh has since been cleared by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) After examination, it was seen that the project report submitted in October, 1985 was not based on detailed surveys and investigations. Justification for the project was also not clearly brought out. The project was, therefore, returned to the State Government in October, 1986. The State Government is required to submit a modified project report.

Setting up of Institute of Textile Technology in Assam

2618. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up an Institute of Textile Technology in Assam;

(b) whether the said Institute will be set up during the current financial year so that the classes can be started in the next academic year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) AASU (All Assam Students Union) had in their Memorendum suggested, *inter alia*, setting up of an Institute of Textile Technogy in Assam.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual agricultural credit given by Public Sector Banks

2619. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual agricultural credit given by all the public sector banks as percentage of their total advances from 1982 to 1987;

(b) whether Government propose to increase such percentage from the current year onwards as a special case to help the farmers to cope with their drought related problems;

(c) what is the annual lending by the public sector banks to agriculture as a percentage of the value of gross annual agricultural production;